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(SBU) On July 1, the Ambassador raised with Deputy Foreign Minister Wafaa Bassim the need for the international community to increase support to the World Food Program (WFP) for immediate needs in the Horn of Africa, and asked for Egypt to contribute financially and to consider providing naval escort support given imminent Dutch naval withdrawal. Bassim was non-committal on financial assistance but said she would pursue the possibility of providing naval escort support, and would check with the Ministry of Defense (MOD). MFA Cabinet Advisor for African Affairs Ahmed Abu Zeid confirmed with us on July 2 that he was following up this issue with the MOD.  
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